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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over Anuff. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Anuff describes a portal server and methods of creating a portal server web page. The methods are generally described in Section 3.4.1, "Layouts and Groups", beginning with paragraph 67, and Section 3.4.2, "Pages, Page Layout and Page Ordering".

According to Anuff, a first method includes a Layout 38 (Fig. 2) described in Section 3.4.1 and containing groups 40. Groups 40 are illustrated in Fig. 2 as including right and left columns. Groups 40 contain a set of modules specific to one user of the portal. Fig. 2 contains three modules in a left group, "Bookmarks", "Search", and "Company Dir.", and two modules in a right group, "News", and "Discussion Board". A module constructs a Module View specific to the user and context. The Module View assembles an HTML presentation. Layouts and Group objects are patterned after templates.

Section 3.4.2 describes an alternative to Layouts and Groups. Paragraphs 74-79 establish a process for creating a

page, which includes establishing a page layout including cells defined by columns and/or rows (Figs. 5a and 5b). A following step includes specifying modules for the cells.

With respect to independent claim 1, Anuff fails to disclose:

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providing group information comprising data records associating at least one cell to each of a plurality of identified groups;

providing local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said identified groups; and

reading said default pattern along with accessing said group information and said local presentation information, filling-in said cells.

The first example method of Anuff includes groups within a layout. The second example method of Anuff includes cells within a layout. Anuff fails to disclose cells associated with groups.

The first example method of Anuff includes modules within groups. The second example method of Anuff includes modules within cells. Anuff fails to disclose modules associated with groups and cells associated with groups, and using the mapping of modules to groups and cells to groups to place the modules in the cells.

Further, Anuff fails to disclose data records as being used in the creation of a portal server web page. Anuff fails to disclose data records associating at least one cell to each of a plurality of identified groups, and data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said identified groups. Anuff fails to disclose accessing data records to fill in the cells of a default layout.

Similar arguments apply to independent claim 13. Anuff fails to disclose:

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providing initial group information comprising data records associating at least one cell to each of a subgroup associated with each said first and second display area;

editing said initial group information, based upon a level of access granted to do so;

providing local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said subgroups; and

reading said first and second default patterns along with accessing said edited group information and said local presentation information, populating each said cell with any respective of said presentation objects according to said data records of said local presentation information.

Similar arguments apply to independent claim 14. Anuff fails to disclose:

a DIALOG template comprising at least a first template defining a default pattern;

group information comprising data records associating at least one cell to each of a plurality of identified groups;

local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said identified groups; and

a processor adapted for, after reading said default pattern and accessing said group information and said local presentation information, filling-in said cells.

Similar arguments apply to independent claim 20. Anuff fails to disclose:

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a second program sub-code for creating group information comprising data records associating at least one cell to each of a plurality of identified groups;

a third program sub-code for providing local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a plurality of presentation objects with at least one of said identified groups; and

a fourth program sub-code for reading said default pattern, accessing said initial group information and said local presentation information, and filling-in said cells.

Applicants have noted the prior art made of record but not relied upon.

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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